

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 499

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Tish Towns upon her receipt of the Women of Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the women of Memphis have been leaders in the areas of civic responsibility, business endeavors, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years, the *New Tri-State Defender* has honored more than 250 outstanding African-American women as part of its Women of Excellence annual presentation; and

WHEREAS, these women were chosen to receive the award for their proven successes in their professions and industries, and for their efforts to encourage others while remaining highly active in community service and organizational involvement; and

WHEREAS, one such honoree is Tish Towns, a health care executive and Senior Vice President, External Relations at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Towns has held senior executive roles in healthcare in Georgia, Illinois, and South Carolina and, from 1986 until 1991, she rendered sterling service as an employee of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health here in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tish Towns earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and she is board certified in Health Care Management and a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Towns also serves on the boards of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Southern College of Optometry, the American Lung Association Midland States Region, and the Memphis Medical District and Workforce Investment Network; and

WHEREAS, she holds membership in the Memphis Rotary Club, the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., the Memphis chapter of The Links Incorporated, and the Tennessee State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Tish Towns and her fellow honorees will be honored at the sixth annual *New Tri-State Defender's* Women of Excellence Awards on April 27, 2013, an event which will be held at the Memphis Botanic Gardens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Tish Towns upon her receipt of the 2013 Women of Excellence Award, extending our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.